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## Historic Preservation Commission

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Dear Members of the Durham City Council,

Allow me to present the Durham Historic Preservation Commission's Certified Local Government Report for 2011. During this especially busy year the Commission focused on streamlining our certificate of appropriateness and quasi-judicial procedures. We have continued expanding our effectiveness throughout Durham city and county, while reviewing, advising, and granting approval for an array of well designed projects.

This Commission and the Planning Department support staff have worked to more completely define the elements of a complete submission. We also carefully expanded the minor elements that qualify for administrative review. These efforts have significantly increased both staff and commission efficiency and our speed of service to applicants.

In order to expand the Commission's service and impact we established our outreach committee. Our committee continues to develop plans not only for the Commission's education, but also to influence and assist Durham's city/county government, schools, universities, neighborhoods and business community.

In 1992 when the Joint Durham City/County Historic Preservation Commission was formed, combining the Durham Historic District Commission and the Durham County Properties Commission, I had the pleasure of serving as one of the founding commissioners. Today, after returning to the Commission, and being fortunate enough to service as chairman, I see a Commission whose mission is more important than ever, a Commission and support staff whose focus and dedication are greater than ever, and a Commission with much success ahead!

Thank you for your continued support,

G. Edwin Belk, Chair  
Durham Historic Preservation Commission

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